See Thursday's Times-Dispatch for Richmond Merchants' Midweek Bargains.

NO FESTIVAL THIS YEAR

Ministerial Union by Unanimous Vote Decided Against Service Coming May.

UNIQUE CONFERENCE

One of the Finest of Its Kind in the South to be Held at the Seminary.

Without a dissenting voice the Minis terial Union of Richmond yesterday denot to hold this year the May Festival for Christian Unity that for some time past has been a sort of annual demonstration of the co-operation of th

This step, it is declared, does not indicate any lack of harmony among the ministers or the churches. It was simply deemed unnecessary to continue the festival as an annual institution. The service will not be entirely abandoned, but will probably be held once every three years, or perhaps five. This, it is said, will afford sufficient opportunity for a manifestation of the good-will and unity of the Richmond churches. A too fre gle subject breeds monotony and lack of interest, as is abundantly shown by the services in question themselves.

by the services in question themselves. The idea for a great annual festival in May for Christian unity was first proposed by the Rev. Dr. Robert P. Kerr, of Baltimore, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city. The proposition met with instant favor, and the first featival was a distinct success. This was five years ago, or thereabouts. Since that time, in the Academy of Music each May, a similar meeting would be held. Ministers of each denomination would then gather and discuss the different phases of the unity of Christians. The interest originally manifested was not sustained, and the last two meetings were rather poorly attended by church people and ministers alike. The step now taken by the union seems to follow as a matter of course. The action, it is understood, was unanimous.

GREAT CONFERENCE.

Invitations were extended to the ministers by Dr. A. L. Phillips to attend the conference on the Bible and Christian work to be held May 11th, 12th and 13th at Union Theological Seminary. The first definite announcements of this meeting, which will be a notable one, were also made. The conference will be the first of its kind ever held in the Southern Presbyterian Church. It is under the auspices of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary. The seminary session will close at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, May 11th. The first session of the conference with held at the Seminary that day at 4 P. M. All sessions of the conference, except the first, will be held in one of the Presbyterian churches in the city. GREAT CONFERENCE.

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The speakers at the conference will be the Revs. J. William Chapman, D. D., of New York city; W. W. Moore, D. D., of New York city; W. W. Moore, D. D., of this city; G. B. Strickler, D. D., J. F. Cannon, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo.; E. W. Smith, D. D., of Greersbore, N. C.; T. H. Rice, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. C. H. Vickrey, of New York city. The music will be led by the Rev. Arthur Rowbotham, of Roanoke. The subjects for discussion will be as follows: The Bible a Message from God; The Atonement Satisfies God's Law and the Human Conscience: The Land and the Book; Isalah: His Times and Message; The Evargelistic Pastor; The Elder; The Deacon; The Bible and the Home; The Bible and the People; The Value of Special Evangelistic Effort; Individual Work in Evangelism; Bible tudy and the Young People's Society; Mission study and the Young People's Society; Special emphasis will be given to prayer. The union, with regret, accepted the resignation of its secretary and treasurer, the Rev. James E. Cook, who leaves Richmond shortly for Clifton Forge, Mr. Cook has filled this position most faithfully and most acceptably for a number of years, and his departure causes general regret. The Rev. C. P. Stealey, pastor of the Broadus Memorial

Academy of Medicine.

The Richmond Academy of Medicine ond Surgery will hold a regular meeting this evening at the T. P. A. building. Speakers will be Drs. W. L. Peple, G. K. Sims and George Ross.

Policeman Wiley yesterday arrested Henry Lewis, colored, on the charge of shooting George Payne about a year ago.

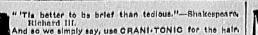
The Demon of Dyspepsia.

"What's this?" said Mrs. Schopper, reading the sign, "'Try Roisem's Buck-wheat Flour. Demonstration in the Grocery Department To-day.' What do they mean by demonstration?"

"I don't understand the 'stration' end of it." replied her dyspentic husband. "but I know what the 'domon' is all right."—Catholic Standard.

The Romance Gone.

Buffalo Bill's suit for divorce knocks the glamour cut of dime novel romance. Ideals concerning the brave here and the herofre will have to be altered and the sky line moved farther toward the setting -St. Louis Republic.



What to REMEMBER This Week

That tested by the people, Crani-Tonic Hair-Food stands upon the rock of public confidence. If you are worried about your hair, and anxious to learn what this wonder-working hair dressing will do call at your dealer's and get a bottle. Do it to-day, All Dealers-Three Sizes, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 the Bottle.

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LIVE VIRGINIA NEWS IN READABLE SHAPE

W. DeWitt, a carpenter, aged forty-five, from Flushing, N. J., found dead in his bed at the Peninsula Hotel here yesterday morning. The coroner's jury decided that the man came t his death from the effects of a protracted spree, and that he had possibly taken laudanum.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.-Henry Slaughter, a negro boy, sixteen years old

Slaughter, a negro boy, sixteen years old, has been sentenced by Judge A. T. Embrey, of the Corporation Court, to eighteen months in the penitentiary for assault and battery. An effort was made to get him into the colored reformatory on James River, but the institution was crowded.

ASHLAND, VA.—The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad has put on an "Owl Train" for the benefit of the Ashland members of the Richmond Wednesday Club, which leaves Richmond every Tuesday night at 41 o'clock from Elba, until the last of this month.

HEATHSVILLE, VA.—The steamer Helen Euphane, belonging to the Gill-Eubank Gusno Company, will run daily during the fishing season from Dividing Creek and Jackson's Creek to Cape Charles. This will enable the fishermen to get their fish to the Philadelphia and New York market's twenty-four hours earlier than heretofore.

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PREDDERICKSBURG, VA.—At the target practice of the Washington Guards the lighest score, seventeen out of a possible twenty-five, was made by Lieutenant A. G. Billingsley.

MONTEREY, VA.—Mr. J., A. Whitelaw, who has recently purchased valuable grazing lands in Highland, has just returned from Maryland, where he purchased several head of thoroughbred cuttle, sheep and hogs.

GATE CITY, VA.—Thomas Franklin, who lives about one mile east from Gate City, while returning to his home late this afternoon, fell dead in the road, Mr. Franklin was a Baptist minister and well known in this section. The cause of his death was heart failure.

FRONT ROYAL, VA.—The Pine Hill Hunt Club, of Warren county, will hold its second annual show on the Fair Grounds, west of town, Thursday, May 12th. The event of the day will be the four-mile point-to-point race, in which six horses will participate.

NORFOLK, VA.—The British steamship Rosewood, which ran ashore at Virginia Beach Friday in a dense fog, was floated this afternoon, and will go to Newport News for repairs. The vessel is leaking.

WEST POINT, VA.—The tugboat Claribel, belonging to Wheeler and Denmead Brothers, was burned at 3 o'clock this morning. The fire company responded, but were unable to save the boat. The boat came from up the Mattaponi River and itself of the dock at 9 o'clock. The cause of the life is unknown. There was no insurance.

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—Little Lather F. Hobbs, Jr., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther F. Hobbs, of Hampton, died yesterday from the effects of burns received last week. The child's clothing caught fire while he was playing alone in a room. Hearing his sereams, the mother rushed in and succeeded in puting out the flames, but it was too late. The baby was terribly hurned about the body and neck, and after suffering agonies for three days, it gave up the struggle for life.
SUFFOLK, VA.—It looks like all barrooms in Suffolk will have to remain closed from May ist to May 2th, or else

the same number. Rev. R. A. The plan of deepstep pastor. I BATHSVILLE, VA.—The plan of deepening the channel in the creek forming
the head of Coon River, usually known
as "Black Point Harbor," is again beins
agliated by the people of Northumberland. Several business men have made
trips to Washington and have enlisted the

BISHOP POTTER'S CRITICISM

A Protest Against Deceiving the Sick and Wrecking Lives.

Unusual comment fits been caused by Bishop Potter's declaration that Maine's prohibition law is a failure when the sale of sarsaparillas and other so-called cures, containing up to fit per cent, alcohol, is unrestricted, while claret whe, with only 19 per cent, alcohol, is unrestricted, while claret whe, with only 19 per cent, alcohol, is unrestricted, while claret whe, with only 19 per cent, alcohol, is unrestricted, while claret whe, with only 19 per cent, alcohol, is unrestricted, while claret whe, with only 19 per cent, alcohol, is unrestricted, while claret whe, with only 19 per cent, alcohol, is unrestricted, while claret whe, with only 19 per cent, alcohol, is unrestricted, while claret when the majority of the wines-of-this, wines-of-that, and other patent medicines and the solid problems and other patent medicines will be allowed the convicted man. "Judge," pleaded the convicted man, "do what you like with me, but don't send my wife to prison, too. Let her go resolve the impurities out of the body is enabled to do its proper work, and thus drive the impurities out of the body. Dr. A. H. Straub, N. Y., adds his entered to the above in the following letter over his own signature: "have frequently prescribed Father John's Medicine is the best remedy ever prescribed from purities out of the body is enabled to do its proper work, and thus drive the impurities out of the body is a farial you was gon' to put us in the same cell." "Oi that's all right. I was afraid you was gon' to put us in the same cell." The lower the vitality, week the nerve week and found that has a very deported when the regular pharmacopoein respiratory diseases, and found that has a very deported when the regular pharmacopoein remedies have failed. (Signed) A. H. Straub, M. D. Ski Bushwick Avenue, and often lead to an uncontrollable desire for alcohol and norve-deadening any case where it does not do all that drive here in the above the properties of the house of correction."

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WORK AT THE JAIL.

aid of several prominent men of that city to secure an appropriation for the work.

An Appeal for Literature and for Financial Aid.

york at the city fall, and to ask them to glous papers, good books, tracts or any good reading matter, such as magazines, 'Youth's Companion," papers or weeklies. We are badly in need of financial help, need Bibles. We would like to furnish ment than playing cards. There have been many requests from they have no work to do, they would be than doing nothing. "An idle brain is the men better, whether in fall or out.

been very much interrupted; but I am sappy to say that I have been much improved by a two weeks' visit to the Virginia Hospital, and I hope, at no distant day, that I will be able to resume my

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SUPFOLK, VA.—It looks like all barrooms in Suffolk will have to remain closed from May ist to May 2th, or else sell without a license. There was made no provision for the hearing of applications to sell whiskey before the adjournations to be no legal way through which aday may be set for hearing applications.

FORK UNION, VA.—Since the linauguration of the first County Court in Fluvanna in 177 there have been only four clerks, to wit: John Cobbs, John Timberlake, Abram Shepherd and the incumbent, William Sclater. The period covered by their terms of service is 127 years.

STAUNTON, VA.—The first Parker with of the State, which was organized here a few days ago, will have a meeting to-morrow night.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.—Much Infelderation of the Baptist Church, nigl celebration of the Baptist Church, nigl celebration of the Baptist Church, nigl celebration for the Baptist Church, nigl celebration for the Baptist Church, nigl celebration of meanly six hundred and a Sunday school errolment of the most of the Baptist Church, the amounted the programme. This church is the pastor.

HEATHISVILLE, VA.—The plan of deepitically use you and persecute you, the pead of Coan River, usually known that the you, and prayer for the make the pastor. Street. We ask the assistance and prayers of all Christian people and ministers of the gospel, giving them a cordial invitation to join us in the work, as it is undenominational, as we have said, and tried to make it plain. There has been some prejudice expressed against our work, but we have received every help and encouragement from the majority of Christians. We advise those who feel this prejudice to do like Senator Beveridge did about the Eastern question-put on their hats and bonnets and travel to the seat of war while the battle is on. Then they will know what they are talking about and know whether it is truth or not. And we want to say that preaching and praying won't save people always, without some practical Christianity to show that the gentle Jesus still walks the earth. There were none too mean, too bad, for Him to help, and the Father's example was a commend for our own salvation also; "But I say unto you, love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for He maketh His sun to rise on the o'll and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."—Matthew, v;44-15.

Any information about the work will be gladly furnished if persons wishing to know will call or write to either Mrs. Land's address or mine, which have already been given. Wa return grateful thanks for all past assistance.

Sincerely,

Sincerely, MISS MAUD PRANKLIN, No. 2701 M Street,

MAINTENANCE OF CHANNELS

House Passes Bill Appropriating \$3,000,000 for That Purpose.

BURTON URGED ADOPTION

Mr. Clark Makes, a Strong Talk Advocating Passage of

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The fouse to-day passed the bill reported by or maintenance of channels, or of other lver and harbor improvements. Mr. Bur ed its provisions and urged the adoption of settled principles with regard to river and harbor work with the view to considering each project according to its

Mr. Burton said the amounts expended or rivers and harbors, when the vast for rivers and harbors, when the vast extent of our waterways was considered, was very small. He favored the adoption of a policy pushing matters to completion ms rapidly as possible, and declared that Congress should not undertake anything which could not be completed within evasonably short time. The system pursued in the United States he thought, contrasted most unfavorably with those of foreign countries. The one great defect in our system was the insufficiency of the engineering corps of the army.

Mr. Burton favored the policy of requiring communities interested in river or harbor improvements to participate in the expense, and said that preference should be given to channels and harbors which benefit a great area.

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Discussing the question of iniana water-ways, Mr. Burton called attention to the vast sums, amounting to many millions of dollars, which would be required to construct them, and declared that the adoption of any one of them would furnish a precedent for the adoption of all. General debate was closed by Mr. General debate was closed by Mr. Small, of North Carolina, who spoke of the necessity for an Inland waterway between Chesapeake Bay and Beaufort inlet, North Carolina.

Mr. Clark, of Missourl, called attention to the feet that the Bluer and Har-

ion to the fact that the River and Har tion to the fact that the River and Har-hor Committee was made up entirely of members living on the gult coast, the Great Lakes, or the ocean. Seven great States through which the Missouri River flows or passes are without a single rep-resentative.

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He alluded to the acquisition by the United States of the Sandwich Island, the Philippines, Guam and Porto Rico "on the pretext that homes are wanted for our children," And yet, he said, there is more farming land out of which to make such homes that is overflowed and destroyed and made barren by the floods of the Missouri River than could be found in all those islands, "Instead," he vigorously declared, amid applause, "of squandering money to hold the Filipinos in subjection, to educate the Hawalians, and to carry the mail at an exorbitant price to the cannibals of the Fili Islands, you better be taking care of this land you you better be taking care of this land you have got at home." After passing a number of minor bills, the House adot at home." After passing a of minor bills, the House ad-

Captain Marshall, "The Second in Command."

The Drew engagement is for to-morrow mathree and night at the Academy. The advance sale shows that the audience will be large. Mr. Drew is ranked as one of the very greatest of the legitimate artists of the day. His company will be the same put on the Frohman boards in New York and London. The play has been selected from his repertoire as the best of his many brilliant successes.

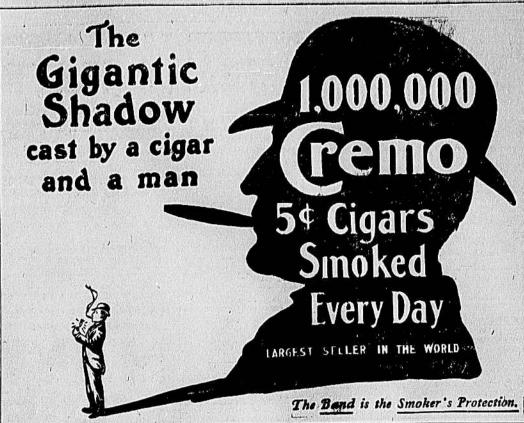
The addition of a mathree to the Drew engagement this year will aford many more people seeing the great actor.

Masonic Home Gleanings.

The children of the Home attended a body divine services on Easter Sunda morning at St. John's Episcopal Churc

morning at St. John's Episcopal Church.
In the evening of the same day they attended service at East Richmond Hall.
Mrs. Barbour gave the children on Easter Monday, a party at the Home. Which was, as usual, very much enjoyed by them all.
There has recently been admitted to the Home, a little girl and boy—brother and sister—making fifty-six children at the institution at the present time.
Miss Elizabeth Crowder and Mr. Grayson Thornton will be married on Thursday, at the home of the bride's sister.
Mrs. Dowden, in Glen Echo Heights, and upon their return from their wedding trip, will reside in Glen Echo Heights.

Phones at our two Stores.



WHO WILL BE MAYOR?

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The Times-Dispatch Will Give a Railroad Ticket Free from Richmond to St. Louis and Return and \$40.00 in Money for the Expenses of the Trip.

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The news columns of The Times-Dispatch will from day to day give all the news of the mayoralty situation, and those out of town can base their judgments on the reports in the paper, just as if they were living in the city for after all the city man depends upon his newspaper to keep him in touch with the situation.

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guess.

Fifty cents paid on subscriptions will give five guesses.

One dollar paid will give ten guesses, and for \$5 fifty guesses or estimates will be allowed.

Present city subscribers can guess simply by calling at the office and paying up their subscriptions in advance for such length of time as they desire, and they will be entitled to one estimate for each ten cents in money paid on actual subscriptions.

Present out-of-town subscribers can enter the contest by renewing their subscriptions by mail for any length of time which they may desire, and they also will be entitled to one guess or estimate for each ten cents se paid. Those who are not now subscribers to The Times-Dispatch can enter the contest simply by subscribing to either the Daily or the Sunday for such tength of time as they may desire, at the regular subscription prices, and they will also be entitled to one estimate for each ten cents so paid.

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It you, for instance, should induce a friend to subscribe to The Times-Dispatch for one month, and you turn the money in to the paper, you would be entitled to five guesses. Every additional estimate which you make increases your chance that much to win one of the prizes.

If by any remarkable chance two or more people should name the nomines and guess the exact number of votes which he will receive at the primary election, the first poly the first prize, and the next received the second prize, etc. The date on the coupons will satis the question of time. It will, therefore, be seen that the sooner the call makes are received the The right to guess in this contest will it will, therefore, he seen that the sooner the estimates are received the son sending or bringing in the money.

The Contest Began April 6th and Will Close at 12 o'Clock on the Night of April 25th

and the announcement of the winners will be made just as soon as the official returns from the election are received. The primary is April 26th.

The Trips Can be Made at Any Time During Fair.

It will be readily seen that this plan is eminently fair to everybody. As yet no one even knows for a certainty who all the candidates will be, and no mortal being can possibly say with any degree of accuracy how many votes the nominee, whoever he may be, will receive.

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fice, but no guesses will be allowed for money paid to the newspaper carriers. It's as easy for out-of-town subscribers to guess as it is for those living in the city.

Remember the contest closes at 12 o'clock on the night of April 25th. Less than twenty days in which to win the prizes. Do not pay money to any one for guesses unless they have written authority from The Times-Dispatch to receive your money and to give you a receipt therefor.

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